

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 295

By Hill

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Denise D. Cox upon being named the Washington County Teacher of the Year for grades five through eight.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their career to providing the very best education to Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Denise D. Cox is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cox has recently been named the 2009 Washington County Teacher of the Year for grades five through eight, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as an educator, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cox, along with two other system-wide Teachers of the Year, will be honored at an upcoming Washington County Board of Education meeting, where each will be presented with a certificate from the State Department of Education and a plaque from the Washington County Department of Education; moreover, each will advance to the regional judging stage, another step toward selecting a state-wide Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, given that Ms. Cox was judged the finest of an elite group of teachers, there can be little doubt that she is an educator of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cox currently teaches Title I Math for grades four through six at Lamar School in Jonesborough; and

WHEREAS, always striving for excellence in all her teaching endeavors, Mrs. Cox has made it her mission to utilize fun and exciting lessons designed to foster a love for math in her students and to instill confidence in them for their own math abilities; and

WHEREAS, Denise Cox is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cox truly epitomizes the paragon of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Denise D. Cox on being chosen as Washington County Teacher of the Year for grades five through eight, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.